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In re Application of :
Rachel Meyers et al :
Serial No.: 09/846,512 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT
Filed: May 1, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: 10448-046002 :

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed March 20, 2003, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above identified application.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on May 20, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants replied on October 21, 2002, including a two month extension of time request and fee therefor. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on February 11, 2003. Applicant filed this petition on March 20, 2003, indicating that a reply to the Office action had been timely made. The reply has now been located and entered in the file. Thus the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is vacated and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded for proper entry of the amendment and then forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.


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